

FISH Candidates' Forum - Fenwick Island Town Council Election

Saturday July 15, 2023 | 9:30 to 10:50 am | Town Hall

Agenda * meeting to start at 9:30 sharp *

9:30 Call to Order and Welcome from FISH

Review ground rules and process for questions; introduce moderator

9:40 Opening Statements by the Candidates (at the podium)

4 minutes per candidate. Order of speaking by draw of cards

10:15 Pause -- Collect questions from the audience written on cards

10:20 Questions for Candidates from the Participants (20 minutes)

Answers up to one minute

10:40 Closing Statements by Candidates

One minute per candidate; in reverse order of opening comments

10:50 Close program and adjourn

Purpose of the forum -- to allow voters in Fenwick and members of FISH to hear directly from candidates for Town Council in advance of the election on August 5 and to consider their views.

Decorum -- The forum will be conducted with civility and respect for all. It is appropriate to criticize or discuss a proposal or plan or idea but not to attack an individual. Everyone will be entitled to their opinion. Anyone failing to maintain civil decorum will be out of order and may be asked to leave.

No Campaign Activity in the Hall -- The Forum is not a campaign event. It is not a time to demonstrate support for any individual candidates. No outbursts, applause, campaign items such as buttons or t shirts. That is all appropriate elsewhere.

The Eight Candidates for Election for Four Council Seats

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| • Janice Bortner (incumbent) | • Bernie Merritt |
| • John Gary Burch | • Jacqueline Napolitano (incumbent) |
| • Kristina Clark | • James C. Simpson III |
| • Natalie Magdeburger (incumbent) | • Kurt Zanelotti |

We Encourage Questions from the Audience Written on Cards

Questions from the audience will be at 10:20 after candidates' opening remarks.

We will collect questions from the audience during the pause at 10:15.

If you have a question, write it on a card.

- Write the name of the candidate who should answer the question on the top of the card AND the back of the card. (This makes it easier to sort them quickly)
- Your question must fit on one side of the card .
- Your question must be legible.

You can submit more than one card with a question on it.

You can ask the same question to more than one candidate by writing separate cards.

You can submit a card that you brought to the meeting if it is not bigger than 4 x 6.

Priority will be given to clearly stated, succinct questions about topics of general interest for the town.

- Questions about one specific incident or complaint that are not of general interest will be excluded.
- If you are mad that a Town truck parked in your driveway, for example, that would be a specific incident or complaint that is not of general interest (though it may be a legitimate complaint that should be addressed at Town Hall)

The moderator will try to distribute questions evenly among the candidates to achieve equal time.

- However, sometimes the questions posed by the audience are not evenly distributed among the candidates.

The moderator may direct questions to multiple candidates or ask yes/no questions of all candidates to better inform the audience, especially in cases where many questions are submitted about the same topic.

The moderator may also redirect questions when informative.

FISH has asked the candidates to be direct and succinct in their responses to questions.